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**In re Patent Application of:
Shiro Fujieda**

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND
METHOD, MEDIUM STORING
PROGRAM FOR IMAGE PROCESSING,
AND INSPECTION APPARATUS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination, and responds to the Office Action dated August 20, 2004 (Paper No. 21), finally rejecting claims 1-55. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.